

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
ANANTHAN) Art Unit: 1626
Application No. 10/593,748) Examiner: Shameem, Golam M.
Filed: July 28, 2008) Confirmation No. 3021
FOR: Nonpeptide Inhibitors of Matrix)
Metalloproteinases)

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 19, 2010, please consider the following remarks. The Office set a 1 month period for reply, *i.e.*, by November 19, 2010. Accordingly, submitted herewith is a request for a 3 month extension of time.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.